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SUBJECT: SECURITY MEASURES REMAIN IN EFFEKA

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1. POLICE AND MILITARY FORCES CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN HIGHWAY CHECKPOINTS AROUND THE COUNTRY. RESIDENCE SEARCHES ARE BEING MADE AND ARRESTS ARE CONTINUING. MILITARY UNITS ARE PATROLLING IN THE HILLS ABOVE PALENQUE BEACH WHERE THREE GUERILLAS WERE REPORTEDLY LANDED FROM SMALL BOAT. AMONG THOSE DETAINED ARE SEVERAL OFFICIALS OF POLITICAL PARTIES BUT MOST ARE LOCAL LEADERS OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL. THIS MORNING'S PRESS AND RADIO REPORT THAT AUTHORITIES HAVE BEGUN RELEASING SOME OF THOSE ARRESTED.

2. MEDIA HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL TO AMPLIFY AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON JUNE 6 OF CLANDESTINE INFILTRATION OF GUERILLAS AND THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM THAT ANY SUCH THING REALLY HAPPENED. ONE OPPOSITION PAPER CARRIED  
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"QUOTE" FROM HAMLET HERMAN WHO WAS AT FIRST THOUGHT TO BE

AMONG "INVADERS." HERMAN WAS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED BY TELEPHONE FROM HAVANA THAT ALL THE REPORTED GUERILLAS, SURVIVORS OF THE 1974 CAAMANO DENO LANDING, WERE STILL IN CUBA. EX-PRESIDENT JUAN BOSCH TERMED THE REPORT OF GUERILLA LANDINGS AS "INVENTION" CONTRIVED TO JUSTIFY WIDESPREAD REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST POLITICAL OPPOSITION. FATHER OF CLAUDIO CAAMANO, REPORTED TO BE AMONG GUERILLAS, DENIED THAT SON HAD ARRIVED HERE, SAYING SUCH AN ACT WOULD BE "STUPID AND CRAZY."

3. COMMENT. IF THERE IS ABSENCE OF CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT ARMED GUERILLAS DID INDEED LAND ON DOMINICAN BEACH AND TAKE TO HILLS, THERE IS ALSO NO DISCERNIBLE PATTERN OF ARRESTS AND RELEASES. SOME OF FARTHEST-LEFT LEADERS HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED BY SECURITY FORCES WHILE A NUMBER OF LOCAL OFFICIALS OF MORE MODERATE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD) AND PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO SOCIAL CRISTIANO (PRSC) REMAIN IN CUSTODY. (BOTH PRD AND PRSC HAVE PROTESTED CONTRIVED DETENTIONS BUT PRSC IS IN AN UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION, NOW THAT SEVERAL LEADERS HAVE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT, AND PARTY'S PUBLIC PROTEST IS NOTABLE FOR ABSENCE OF SIGNATURES OF THOSE MEMBERS NOW HOLDING OFFICES.)

4. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS ALLEGED INFILTRATION ARE SO FAR HIGHLY OBSCURE. EVEN MILITARY PERSONALITIES ARE REPORTEDLY DIVIDED IN THEIR OPINION AS TO WHETHER ANY GUERILLA LEADERS HAVE IN FACT COME ASHORE. AMONG BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIANS THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD ATTRIBUTE ENTIRE OPERATION TO POLICE CHIEF NEIT NIVAR SEIJAS. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MILITARY ARE PLAYING A MAJOR, AND PROBABLY THE LEADING ROLE IN COOPERATION WITH THE POLICE. OPERATION OF THIS SCALE MUST HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY PRESIDENT BALAGUER BUT IT WILL TAKE A GOOD DEAL OF SORTING OUT BEFORE EMBASSY OR ANY OTHER OBSERVERS CAN COME TO SOLID CONCLUSIONS.

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